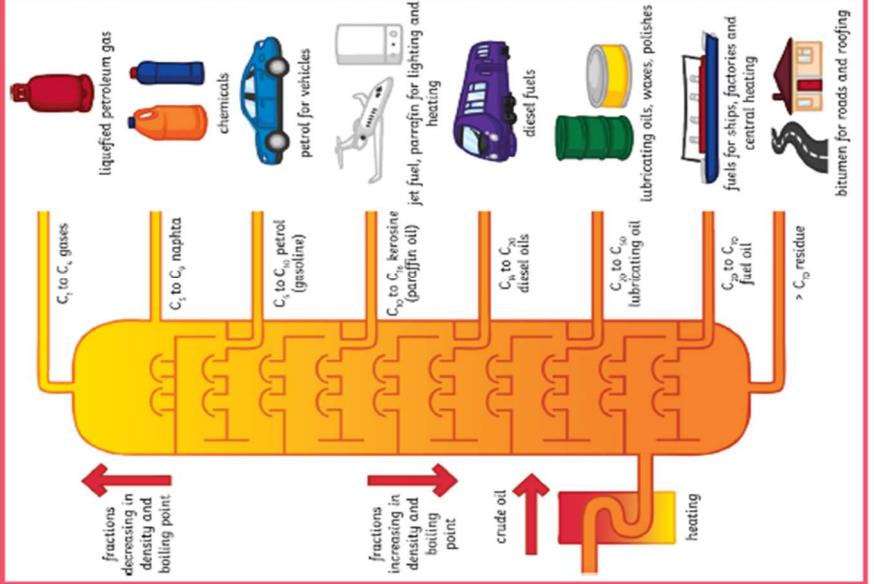


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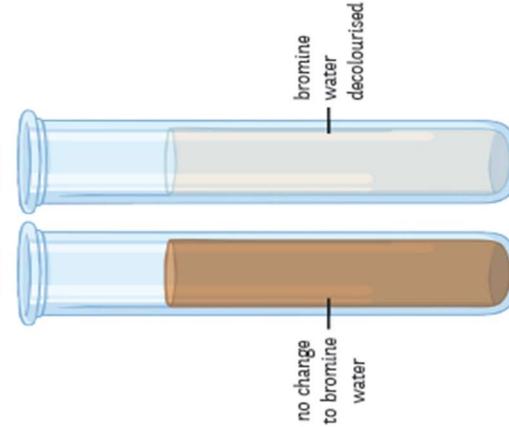
Crude Oil	Fractional Distillation	Combustion															
<p>Hydrocarbons are compounds that are made up of the elements hydrogen and carbon only.</p> <p>Crude oil is a non-renewable resource, a fossil fuel.</p> <p>Crude oil is made up of a mixture of compounds, most of which are long- and short-chain hydrocarbons.</p> <p>Most of the compounds in crude oil are hydrocarbons called alkanes. The alkanes form a homologous series. This is a family of hydrocarbons that all share the same general formula and have chemical properties that are similar.</p> <p>Alkanes are held together by single bonds.</p> <p>The general formula for an alkane is C_nH_{2n+2}.</p> <p>They differ from the neighbouring alkane with the addition of a CH_2.</p> <p>Alkanes are saturated hydrocarbons. This means that all their bonds are taken up and they cannot bond to any more atoms.</p> <p>Alkanes have similar chemical properties but have different physical properties due to differences in chain length. The longer the chain, the higher the boiling point of the hydrocarbon.</p> <p>The first four alkanes are: methane, ethane, propane and butane.</p> <p>A mnemonic to help you remember the order of the alkanes: mice eat paper bags.</p> 	<p>Fractional distillation is used to separate a mixture of long-chain hydrocarbons in crude oil into smaller, more useful fractions. Hydrocarbons have different boiling points depending on their chain length. Each fraction contains hydrocarbons of a similar chain length. These fractions will boil at different temperatures due to the difference in sizes of the molecules. The different parts of crude oil are called fractions because they are a small part of the original mixture.</p> <p>Crude oil is heated and enters at all column called a fractionating column. The column is hot at the bottom and decreases in temperature toward the top. As the crude oil is heated, it begins to evaporate and its vapours begin to rise up through the column. These vapours condense at the different fractions.</p> <p>Short-chain hydrocarbons are found at the top of the column. This is because shorter chain molecules are held together by weak intermolecular forces resulting in low boiling points. These shorter chain hydrocarbons leave the column as gas.</p> <p>Long-chain hydrocarbons are found at the bottom of the column and are held together by strong intermolecular forces, resulting in high boiling points.</p> 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Alkane</th> <th>Structural Formula</th> <th>Molecular Formula</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>methane</td> <td>$\begin{array}{c} H \\ \\ H-C-H \\ \\ H \end{array}$</td> <td>$CH_4$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ethane</td> <td>$\begin{array}{c} H & H \\ & \\ H-C-C-H \\ & \\ H & H \end{array}$</td> <td>$C_2H_6$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>propane</td> <td>$\begin{array}{c} H & H & H \\ & & \\ H-C-C-C-H \\ & & \\ H & H & H \end{array}$</td> <td>$C_3H_8$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>butane</td> <td>$\begin{array}{c} H & H & H & H \\ & & & \\ H-C-C-C-C-H \\ & & & \\ H & H & H & H \end{array}$</td> <td>$C_4H_{10}$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Combustion</p> <p>Complete combustion occurs when there is enough oxygen for a fuel to burn. A hydrocarbon will react with oxygen to produce carbon dioxide and water.</p> <p>Incomplete combustion occurs when there isn't enough oxygen for a fuel to burn. The products in this reaction are water and poisonous carbon monoxide.</p> 	Name of Alkane	Structural Formula	Molecular Formula	methane	$\begin{array}{c} H \\ \\ H-C-H \\ \\ H \end{array}$	CH_4	ethane	$\begin{array}{c} H & H \\ & \\ H-C-C-H \\ & \\ H & H \end{array}$	C_2H_6	propane	$\begin{array}{c} H & H & H \\ & & \\ H-C-C-C-H \\ & & \\ H & H & H \end{array}$	C_3H_8	butane	$\begin{array}{c} H & H & H & H \\ & & & \\ H-C-C-C-C-H \\ & & & \\ H & H & H & H \end{array}$	C_4H_{10}
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Short-Chain Molecules	Increasing Chain Length	Long-Chain Molecules
		

Cracking	Test for Alkanes	Making Polymers
<p>Cracking is an example of a thermal decomposition reaction. Long-chain hydrocarbons can be broken down into shorter, more useful hydrocarbon chains.</p> <p>Cracking can be carried out with a catalyst in catalytic cracking or with steam in steam cracking.</p> <p>Catalytic cracking involves heating a hydrocarbon to a high temperature (550 °C) and passing over a hot catalyst.</p> <p>Cracking of a long-chain hydrocarbon produces a short-chain alkane and an alkene.</p> <p>Alkenes are another type of hydrocarbon that is double bonded. The general formula for an alkene is C_nH_{2n}.</p> <p>Alkenes are unsaturated hydrocarbons. In a chemical reaction, the double bond of the alkenes can break. This allows other atoms to bond to it.</p>  <p>Short Hydrocarbon (Alkene)</p> $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \\ \text{C}=\text{C} \\ \\ \text{H} \end{array}$ <p>Long Hydrocarbon (Alkane)</p> $\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} \\ & & & & & & \\ \text{H}-\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{H} \\ & & & & & & \\ \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} \end{array}$ <p>Short Hydrocarbon (Alkane)</p> $\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} \\ & & & & & & \\ \text{H}-\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{H} \\ & & & & & & \\ \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} \end{array}$	<p>Bromine, when added to an alkane, will remain brown/orange. Alkanes are saturated hydrocarbons, they have no double bonds which could be broken to accept the bromine molecule and so remain orange.</p> <p>Bromine, when added to an alkene, will change from brown/orange to colourless. This is because alkenes are unsaturated hydrocarbons. The double bond breaks and the bromine molecule is accepted.</p> <p>Viscosity describes how easily a substance can flow e.g. treacle is very viscous; it is thick.</p> <p>Flammability is a measure of how easily a substance burns.</p>  <p>Alkenes are used to produce plastics such as poly(ethylene) which is used to make plastic bags, drinks bottles and dustbins. Poly(propene), another polymer, forms very strong, tough plastic.</p>	